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LG Group to Invest in Research and Development by 2010

The LG Group has announced it will invest W30 trillion in research and development by 2010 to grow into one of the world's top three electronics and communications companies.

The group held the "Strategic Meeting for Business Technology" in the LG Production Engineering Research Center in Pyoungtaek, Gyeonggi Province on Wednesday with senior executives participating, including Chairman Koo Bon-moo, Vice Chairman Kang Yoo-sik, LG Electronics Vice Chairman Kim Ssang-soo, LG Phillips LCD Vice Chairman Koo Bon-jun, and 60 other senior members from the electronics sector.

The group decided to invest W2.3 trillion this year on research and development in its electronics sector, which is up 21 percent from last year, W4 trillion in 2007 and more than W6 trillion in 2010. They also said that in order to secure talented researchers, they will increase the number of workers in the research and development sector from the current 14,000 to 24,000 by 2007 and to 30,000 by 2010.

Jeong Sang-kook, the vice president of LG, said the group will focus over 60 percent of its investment on its core businesses, such as mobile phones, digital TVs, and flat panel displays, and added that they will launch its OLED (Organic Light-Emitting Diode) business in earnest; OLEDs are the future generation of displays.

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LG Group to Employ 11,800 Research and Development Workers by 2007

The LG Group will newly employ a total of 11,800 research and development workers by 2007. In order to secure talented employees, all the group's officers and workers will serve as headhunters and chief executive officers (CEO) will hunt directly for competent technological workers.

The group's 50 CEOs, including chairman Koo Bon-moo, disclosed their plan to secure talented employees during a strategy meeting held at LG Academy on Thursday. Six affiliate companies like LG Electronics and LG Chem. will hire 11,800 R&D workers by 2007.

In order to gain a competitive advantage in future strategic fields like the production of display panels and wireless devices, five electronics-related affiliates such as LG Electronics, LG Philips LCD, LG Innotek and LG Micron, will increase the number of R&D employees from the current 14,000 to 24,000 people by 2007. In order to consolidate information and electronic material businesses like rechargeable batteries, LG Chem. will augment the number of its R&D workers from the current 1,400 to 3,200 by 2007.

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